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RESPONSE

Dear Madam:

This communication responds to the non-final Office Action mailed on October 28, 2009, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply to the Office Action expired on January 28, 2010. Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, for one month, from January 28, 2010, to February 28, 2010. The one-month extension of time fee (\$130.00) is being charged to a credit card. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed within the extended deadline of February 28, 2010, which was a Sunday. If any additional extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge all of the appropriate fee(s) to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.